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drivers education program.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well I guess I'm asking what indication is there that this is true? I find . . . I have no awareness of it and I don't feel that we need to add to our statutes where there is no need.

SENATOR BARNETT: The think I'd have to do is get you the statistics from the State Department of Education, or I surely can answer the question right now. I have no idea . . . I know what it's doing in the driver education field as far as accidents are concerned. We'll discuss that on LB 24. I think this relates back to these people who are the instructors for these young people. I think they want to up-date the program. They want to keep the instructors aware of what changes there are. I think they want to keep the program modernized, if I can use that word.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well like I say, I was looking for some fault in the program. I'm not aware of one.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit passes. Chair recognizes Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Question of Senator Marsh, Mr. President.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: As I interpret the bill, Senator Marsh, what you're doing is qualifying instructors. Is that true?

SENATOR MARSH: What we are doing is saying the State Department of Education will have the authority to say which qualifications will be important for driver education, just as they now do in English, social studies, chemistry, or . . .

SENATOR SKARDA: I understand that. Don't you make the instructor qualified to a certain degree by a certain number of hours in the . . .

SENATOR MARSH: That's correct. Right now we spell out what those hours will be.

SENATOR SKARDA: OK. This is my second question, as of now, I as an individual can teach anybody to drive an automobile without your restrictions. I think I'm probably just as capable as anybody that's taken any personal instruction, whether it be university, college, or how they get it, without the detriment as far as the Department of Education is concerned. I think if we pass this bill and everybody would be related to it, then the part that I might play as an individual to be able to affectively teach someone to drive is omitted, or disqualified, or you are outlawing it. You would no longer be allowed that privilege. This is what is disturbing as far as I'm concerned.

SENATOR MARSH: No, Senator Skarda, you still may teach driver education to anyone who will come to you free, such as a member of your family, or for one of the private agencies who may choose to hire you. This does not prevent